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**AMENDMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Application Number	09/582,864
Title	Use of Serine Protease Inhibitors to Inhibit Pathophysiology and Neuropathology in a Host
Filing Date	July 6, 2000
First Named Inventor	Hoffman et al.
Examiner	R. Travers
Group Art	1617
Attorney Docket No.	THUR-001

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 20, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before July 20, 2001. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please Cancel Claims 1 to 25.

Please enter the following new claims:

--26. A method of treating a host suffering from a condition characterized by an undesirable increase in synaptic responsiveness, said method comprising:

administering to said host an amount of a serine protease inhibitor effective to treat said host for said condition.